

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the section “Cross-Reference to Related Application” beginning at page 1, line 2 of the specification as follows:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Application Applications

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/504,400, filed September 19, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. This application is also related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/802,710 entitled “Navigation of Tree Data Structures” by David M. Ziemann and John F. Samuel, and to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/802,614 entitled “Update of a Tree-Based Database” by David M. Ziemann and John F. Samuel, both of which are filed concurrently herewith on March 17, 2004 and incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.